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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 11371/129 (2003P12333WOUS)</b> <b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)</b> <b>10/588241</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/053725	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 29, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED February 4, 2004
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR CONNECTING AT LEAST ONE CONTACT OF AT LEAST FLAT BLOCK OF COMPONENTS TO AT LEAST ONE APPARATUS</b>		
<b>APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>SIEGFRIED HOFLER, STEFAN NOWAK, and WIELAND PORTISCH</b>		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) [WO 2005/076412 A2]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A [combined] Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) (in both the German and English languages).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98; copies of cited reference A5, International Search Report dated August 2, 2005 and International Preliminary Examination Report June 13, 2006</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet and check in the amount of \$40.00 in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A "marked-up" Specification; Submission of Substitute Specification and Substitute Specification</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter [see number 9 above].</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: One (1) sheet of formal drawings; Return Post card.</li> </ol>		

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<p><b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>,,,\$900.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p> <p>Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p>		<p>\$900.00</p> <p>\$</p>																					
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<p>Send all correspondence to the address associated with Customer No:</p> <p>00757 - Brinks Hofer Gilson Lione</p>		 <p>Signature</p> <p>Name Craig A. Summerfield</p> <p>Registration Number 37,947</p>																					

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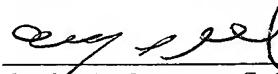
**SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

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Dear Sir:

Please replace the specification as filed with the enclosed substitute specification without claims. The substitute specification includes no new matter and does not include any claims. The only changes between the substitute specification and the original are the changes from the preliminary amendment. Also enclosed is a marked-up copy of the substitute specification. The marked-up copy shows the changes made to add and delete matter in the specification. If for any reason, the Examiner believes further information or an additional change is required, she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (312) 321-4726.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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